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Continuing Education Grant Report

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From January 20th-22nd, 2024, I attended the 2024 ALA LibLearnX Conference in Baltimore, Maryland thanks to the generous support of an ACLCP Continuing Education grant. During the conference, I participated in several panel sessions and workshops on topics including instructional accessibility, library services for student parents, experiential learning in libraries, and collection diversity. These discussions and sessions have given me a few new ideas to consider implementing at my own institution, and strengthened my resolve to continue some of the work I am already doing in these areas.

During the conference, I also presented a session titled “Examine the Past to Empower the Future with Archival Chapbooks.” This presentation discussed an instructional session I frequently teach alongside a colleague at Millersville, Lesley Colabucci of the School of Education and Human Services. During the presentation, I discussed with an audience of approximately 30 individuals about the benefits of incorporating archival and library instruction into professional training curricula for student teachers. This was especially relevant given the focus on presentation on societal views as transmitted in chapbooks, and the conference’s overall focus on book bans and censorship. Unfortunately, a family emergency prevented Dr. Colabucci from attending the conference, so I was doubly happy to have the support of ACLCP to allow the presentation to move forward.

This was my first presentation at a national-level library science conference, and the entire experience was enlightening for me as an early career librarian. I am thankful for ACLCP’s support in my attendance at ALA LLX, without which I would not have been able to attend or present at the conference.